# INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL MEASURE B



# and the **2021 Special Election Ballot**



#### What is Measure B?

- On December 2, 2020 the Cathedral City Council unanimously placed Measure B, the Cathedral City Short-Term Vacation Rental Regulation Measure, on a March 2, 2021 Special Election Ballot.
- If approved by voters, Measure B would retain Ordinance 842: the recently- enacted Short Term Vacation Rental Regulations Citywide to:
  - Improve neighborhood safety
  - Reduce criminal activity associated with short-term vacation rentals
  - Reduce the noise/disruptive impacts of short-term vacation rentals
  - Preserve neighborhood character

For the full text of Measure B, visit www.cathedralcity.gov/MeasureB.

# Official Measure B Ballot Question

Cathedral City Short-Term Vacation Rental Regulation Measure: Shall Sections 1 and 3 of Ordinance 842, adopted unanimously by the City Council to address residents' concerns such as community safety, neighborhood character, noise, criminal activity, and other impacts caused by short-term vacation rentals operating in Cathedral City, by establishing additional regulations on short-term vacation rentals, and phasing out short-term vacation rentals except where approved by local homeowners associations, become law?

YES NO

### Why is Measure B on the Ballot?

- After years of community feedback and engagement, the City Council adopted Ordinance 842, addressing the public safety and public disturbance concerns raised by residents.
- A group of STVR operators and real estate investors subsequently funded a petition to rescind the City's regulations.
- If enacted, Measure B would uphold the City's adopted regulations through a vote of the people.

### **Measure B and Neighborhood Safety**

- Measure B retains all safety provisions of the City's STVR regulations to address neighborhood safety concerns, including:
  - Unknown residents coming in and out of neighborhoods through shortterm rentals.
  - Illegal activities at STVR's, including a multiple stabbing earlier this year.

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A 20-year-old Las Vegas man remained in custody Friday on \$1 million bail after allegedly stabbing two people Tuesday morning at a short-term vacation rental in Cathedral City, acresting to pulse and in people.

cording to police and jail records. Francisco Fisher is being charged with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon, police Cmdr. Paul Herrera said Friday. He's being held at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning and is expected to

appear in court in Indio on Feb. 3. The incident happened around 4:20 a.m. Tuesday in the 68300 block of Tachevah Drive.

When officers arrived to the vacation rental, they found a group of people detaining Fisher, Herrera said. It appeared those in attendance were visiting for a conference. One victim, also from Las Vezas.

One victim, also from Las Vegas, was stabbed with a kitchen knife multiple times in the head, back and upper body while in bed, Herrera said. He was taken to an area hospital.

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Another Las Vegas male was stabbed and had minor, non-lifethreatening injuries, according to Herrera.

After being handcuffed and taken into custody, Fisher tried kicking an officer and a window, Herrera said, adding that he resisted arrest.

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# Measure B and Neighborhood Disturbance

- Many long-term residents reported significant disturbances from STVR's in their neighborhoods including:
  - Loud late night parties
  - Significant garbage in residential neighborhoods
  - Significant reduction of parking in neighborhoods
- Measure B retains the City's additional regulations to address these issues, including a cap on number of guests, additional noise restrictions late at night, and increased penalties on STVR operators who ignore the rules.

## **Measure B and Housing Availability**

- Currently, Cathedral City is facing reductions in available rental housing as a result of whole-home STVR's, increasing housing costs of long-term residents including seniors and working families.
- If approved, Measure B would retain the City's policy restricting STVR's to areas where homeowners associations have decided to include them, after a twoyear grace period.
- If approved, Measure B would allow Home Sharing (renting of a housing unit or room when the owner is onsite)
- This change would provide more whole homes to become available to rent to long-term residents.

### **Measure B and Property Rights**

- Measure B protects the rights of all residents seeking to enjoy their home, property and neighborhood.
- The regulations on STVR's including limits to number of guests, a curfew on late night outdoor activities, and increased penalties for violators- apply to all rentals citywide.
- Measure B clarifies and creates regulations for Home Sharing which means that the owner can rent out a portion of the owner's primary or principal residence, such as a casita or room.

# The March 2, 2021 Special Election and Voting Changes

- All absentee/registered voters should receive a special election ballot.
- In person voting will also continue.
- Visit <u>www.cathedralcity.gov/elections</u> or <u>www.voteinfo.net</u> for more information.

## **Questions?**



